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Esolt ARADI, born 1908, Fombor, Hungary. Catholic. Married; three children (11, 5 and 2 years old). Father baptized Catholic from Jewish great land owner family, pensionary inspector of state schools; mother Catholic Hungarian little land owner family, pensionary teacher. I studied law on the Budapest University and finished my studies 1931 at the same University with a so-called "Absolutorium". Since 1919 active in the Hungarian Boy Scouts Movement, has been for several years also in the Press Staff of the Association and editor of the Calendar of Hungarian Boy Scouts. Participated on the Birkenhead Jamboree as one of the Press leaders of Hungarian Contingent. Wrote the history of the Birkenhead Jamboree. 1933 on the 68th World Jamboree was editor of the daily paper of the Jamboree. 1930 entered to the Budapest daily "Magyarország"; left this paper at December 1933 and entered to "Nemzeti Ujsag". 1931 founded with two other friends a Catholic review "Kornak Stava" on liberal and social base, and was one of the leaders of the movement for a large based liberal and social Catholic politics, always in connection with the Protestant, democratic and socialistic circles in the country. 1933 founded with the same friends also a quarterly called "Vigilia", in the same sense. 1935 left the first review with my friends because differences with the editor in chief and founded an other weekly "Uj Kor", which existed until 1937. At 1938 (December) was sent by the daily "Nemzeti Ujsag" and "Pester Lloyd" to Rome as correspondent. My situation in Hungary became not completely well because the new anti-Jewish laws and I had not my liberty of expression, so I preferred to leave Hungary. My tentatives to go to USA had no result. Before I left Hungary I organized the foreign press propaganda, foreign press service for the World's Eucharistic Congress held in Budapest 1938. Became Danubian correspondent of National Cath. Welfare Conference News Service Washington D. C. until September or October 1939. In Rome I had always the largest aid from baron Axor minister of Hungary at the Holy See. I thank him, that the Hungarian Government engaged me to go to Milan as attaché de presse at Hungarian General Consulate in this city. (July 1941). After six months I left the papers, that is it was impossible to work from Milan as journalist. June - July 1943 baron Axor called me to Rome. March 1944 I resigned (together with the Minister) to the new Hungarian regime. Because the German occupation I could not publish my decision. May 1944 the Hungarian "government" ordered my immediate suspension, and gave order to turn in Hungary. I resigned and opposed to go and was hidden in Rome. When Allied came to Rome I published immediately my decision and presented me to the authorities.

I am writer and journalist. At "Nemzeti Ujsag" during my Budapest time was one of the foreign editors. Held several conferences about foreign policy. I published four books 1) "The European revolution", 1934, pag. 240. Budapest. Strongly anti-Nazi, and for Danubian collaboration. 2) "Five nights" 1936.

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pag. 200. Conversations during five nights between representatives of five danubian nations. Anti-german and objectiv expression of the points of views of different nations. 3) "The sky behind the lattice", a noval, 1938. pag. 360. 4) "The son of a gambler", a noval 1941. pag. 200. Nr. 1) has been translated in italian, but publication prohibited by fascists. Nr.2) translated in german and not allowed by nazi censor. I wrote thousands of articles in my life. I speak italian, german, french and I hope very soon english too. Typewriter and hungarian stenographer. Translated a noval of Chesterton (The wisdom of Father Brown), and a book of Sigrid Undset. I know a great part of Europe. I know very good Danubian politics, and especially the Hungarian situation and hungarian public life. Never served germans.

I should be very happy if I could serve you without any "engagement", that is without being paid. But my family must go further and - I am convinced that I do it in the interest of my own people, and for my larger Danubian country.

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2) If I can prefer to have my family in Rome, but I ask for USA protection. If I would have possibility to bring the family after a certain time, for several weeks out of Rome I should be very glad to do it.